

See Collins. 5723
Mealman Dick.
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My dear Henry Catherine

Your letter has

just come. I have not seen Mrs
Pearce again, but I think I shall
call tomorrow, and ask if she
sees her way towards deciding
anything. After Mrs Booth left last
Wednesday, I made a beginning
with the packing. I cleared out the
vest room entirely, and have
put all your things, from all
parts of the house, into it, also a
heap of coals and some sticks,
so that you can light a fire at
once. Your things in the loft I
will leave just as they are. All
that is in the coach house, the
tin trunk, chest &c I will have
put into the study, and will
put coal and wood ready
there too. I will also leave in the

study an old rug and two chairs,
which you can give to anyone
afterwards. And I will leave the
table that is there now. It is good
and firm, and will make a
very useful kitchen table whenever
you settle, but it is not worth
taking all the way to Liverpool.
It was ~~at~~ in the kitchen at
Richmond Road, but I have
had a piece added on each side.
You are very welcome to the
soal &c. There is a great deal
more than you will get through
by the end of March, but if things
are settled for you to stay on until
Sept. you will be able to finish it.
I will leave the blinds all over
the house, so that it will look tidy
on the outside. I have going to take
to all the blinds at the other end.
I think you would not do better
than return about January,
and after staying with us, come

and make things as comfortable
here as you can, until the end
of March, by which time Mrs. Bear,
will have decided, and we can
act accordingly. I shall take
away all shelves, cupboards, & which
I have had put up, as I do not
suppose Mrs. Bear will decide
before we leave. Perhaps, however,
Mr. Purser might take them.
I will ask him. I have already
packed up all the china, except
the large ornaments, and put
it safely in boxes in the various
sets of drawers. So it is all out
of the way until the shelves in
the new house are ready for it.
The factors would have moved
it safely enough, but they would
have turned it out indiscrimin-
ately at the other end, and we
must have loaded about midnight
it as best we could until a place
was found to put it in. Sampett

comes next with and packs up
the books in the tin lined cases, also
tubs of apples and preserves. I
have put a great quantity of daisy
preserve in the next room for
you, and the empty preserve jars
and some bottles.

I did not know that S. E. dividend
had been claimed. It was paid
to me, and I was telling it to
you, as I thought. It is well
the G. H. is safe. I suppose there are
orders about these things. J. had to
give back the dividend on his
bank shares, which were sold before
it was due. I think I shall go
to Liverpool next Thursday and
make arrangements about the
house, go with Mrs. D. to see
the tradespeople &c. I will speak
to Mrs. D. next Monday. Sarah
and Anna will go with us, at
any rate for some time. I think
I should like to recover that old
waxen group and have painted
portrait cut out and framed in
an oval. ~~But~~ it had better be burned.

I would do it some afternoon
alone. I am laying ferns
and leaves from the garden
were laid between slaps and
framed in the old clothes
boxes, for blinds to the new
house. So there will still be
something of the garden to
look at. The photographs
which were taken last week
are very good. See factory
matters really a lovely picture
and there is a little pond
on the lawn, with my spinning
wheel, very nice too, also the
summer house and the
wheel again. I think can

He shall move at the end of
this month. I must have
leaves of the for a day of visit, but
whether it is there or here I
do not mind. J. leaves for
Liverpool on Nov. 21st and
perhaps the sooner we follow,
the better. There will be very
little to do at the last, and
we shall take rooms near the
Liverpool house for a week
or two, so we shall get through
very comfortably. J. has
to begin his duties on Advent
Sunday. He is entirely good
and appreciative about what
all this means to me.

Your affectionate E. F. Stepleman